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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/529,477 :
FILED: MARCH 28, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1794
FOR: METHOD OF MICROWAVE :
COOKING OF RAW MEAT AND RAW
MARINE PRODUCT, SEASONING FOR
MICROWAVE COOKING AND FOOD
FOR MICROWAVE COOKING

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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SIR:

I, Hiromichi MINAKAWA, hereby declare:

1. I do not have any degrees in any fields.
2. From 1973 to 1989, I worked as a executive managing director for YUGEN KAISHA MINAKAWA SHOTEN in the area of container wholesaling. From 1990 to the present, I have had carried my own business as a representative of YUGEN KAISHA MINAKAWA SHOTEN in the area of container wholesaling.
3. I am familiar with the above-captioned patent application, of which Yugen Kaisha Minakawa Shoten is the assignee. I am also familiar with and have worked with the products and methods described in the above-captioned patent application.

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4. I am familiar with WO 00/65937 to Prasad et al. ("Prasad") and U.S. Patent No. 3,480,447 to Hack et al. ("Hack"), which I have been informed were cited in a rejection of the claims of the above-captioned patent application.

5. I and/or those under my direct supervision carried out the following experiment:

- a) Applying the seasoning to a raw fish in claim 1.
6. The results of the foregoing experiment demonstrate that:
 - a) Fig 1 shows a raw fish before microwave-heating.
 - b) Fig 2 shows the condition that the fish shown in Fig 1 is heated in a microwave without any seasonings.
 - c) Fig 3 shows a raw fish to which surface the seasoning not containing melanoidins is applied.
 - d) Fig 4 shows the condition that the fish shown in Fig 3 is heated in a microwave.
 - e) Fig 5 shows a raw fish before microwave-heating
 - f) Fig 6 shows the condition that the seasoning containing melanoidins in claim 1 is applied to the surface of the fish shown in Fig 5.
 - g) Fig 7 shows the condition that the fish shown in Fig 6 is heated in a microwave.
 - h) Above experiment is carried out under the experimental condition that the fishes are 60grams and are heated for 70 seconds in 1 kilowatt oven from frozen condition.

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6. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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Attachment:
FIGS. 1-7

Fig. 1

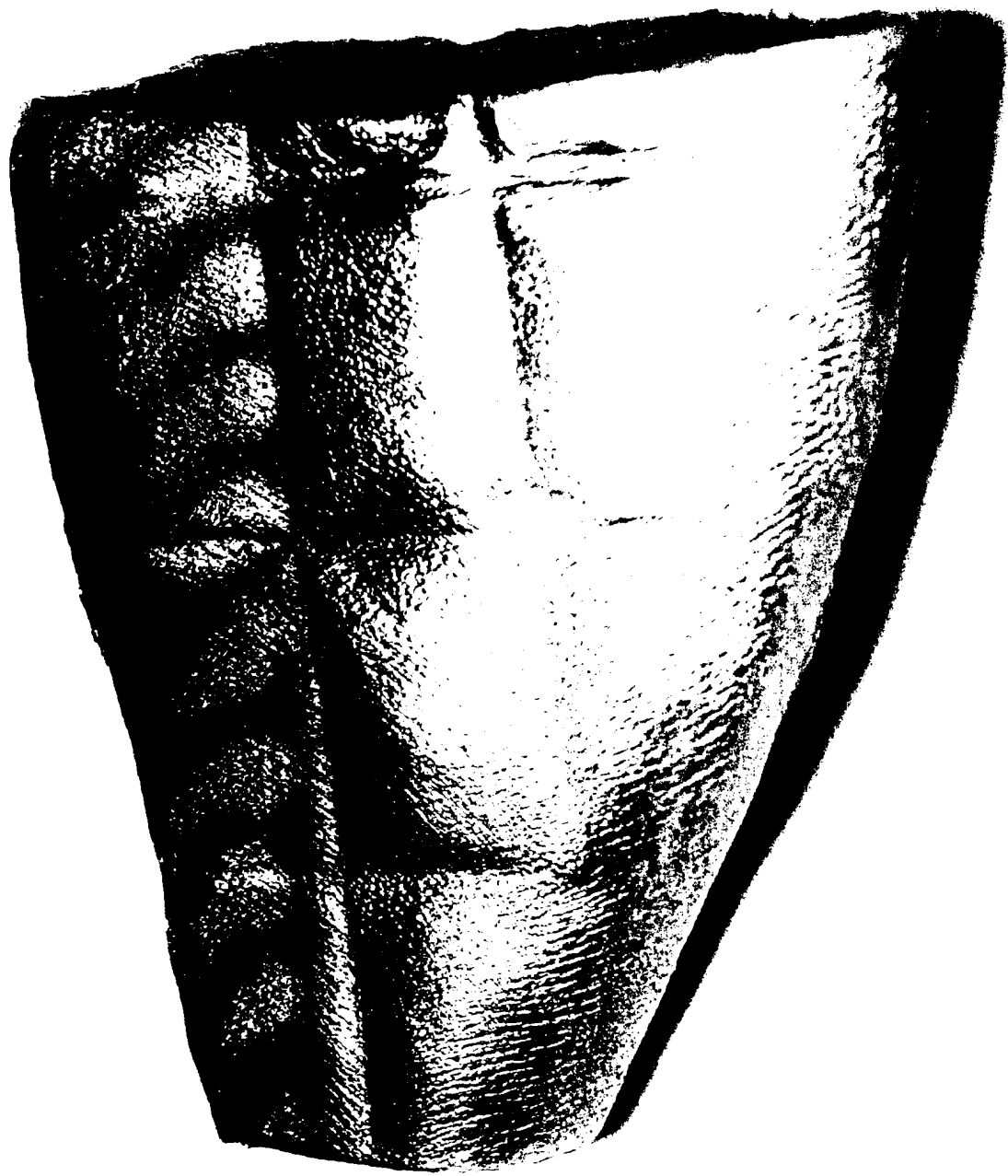


Fig 2.

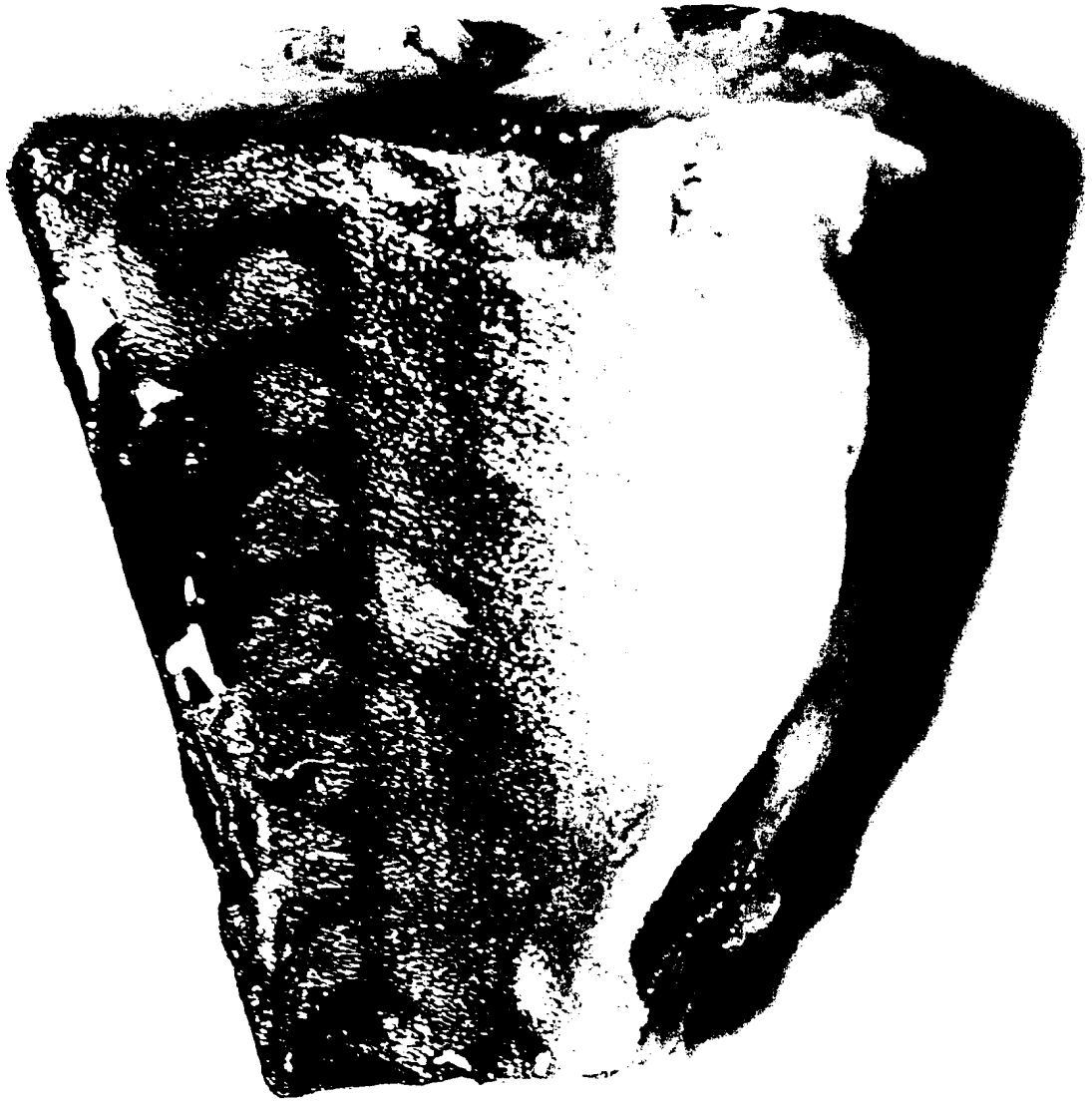


Fig. 3





Fig. 4

Fig. 5

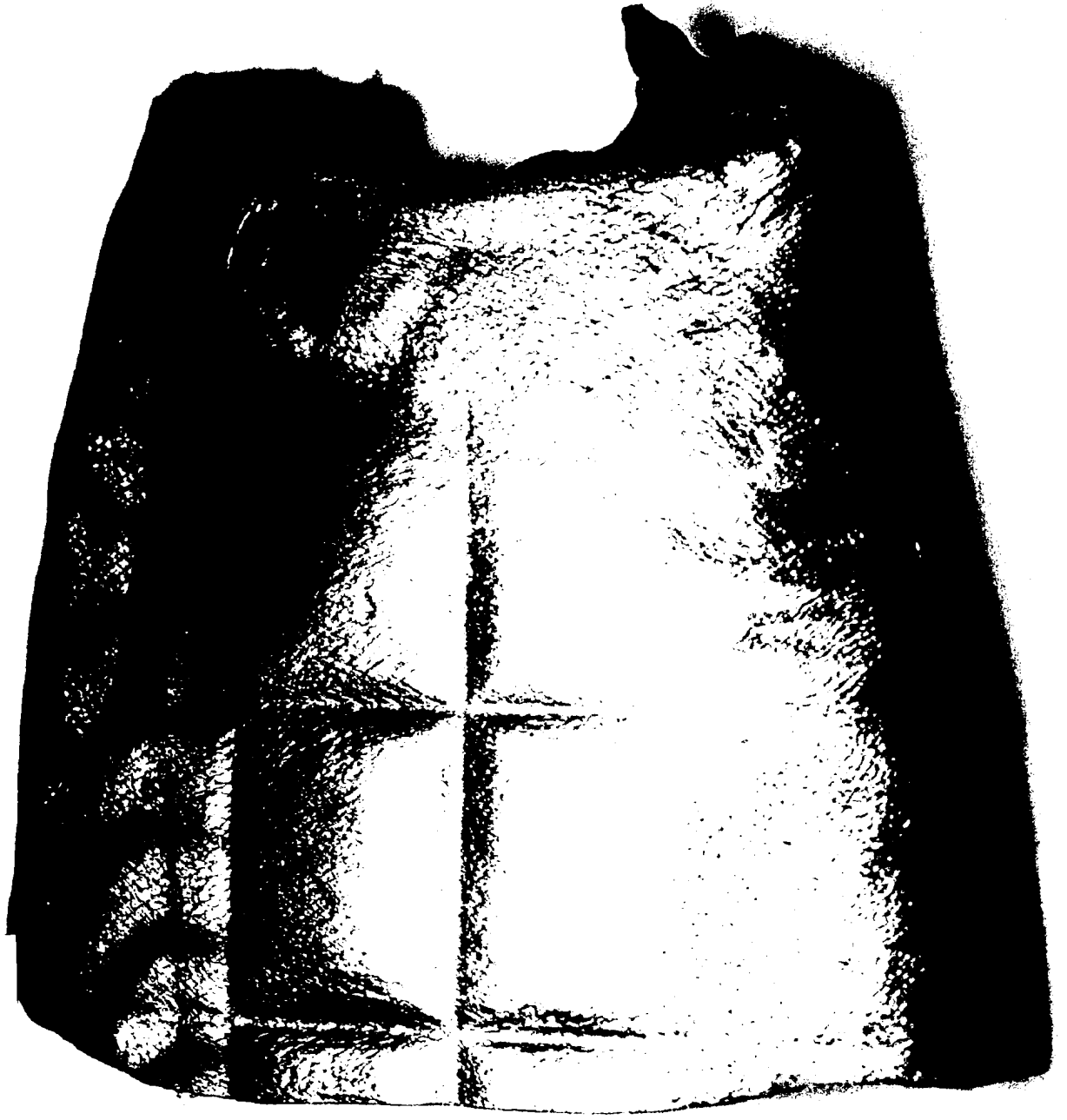


Fig. 6

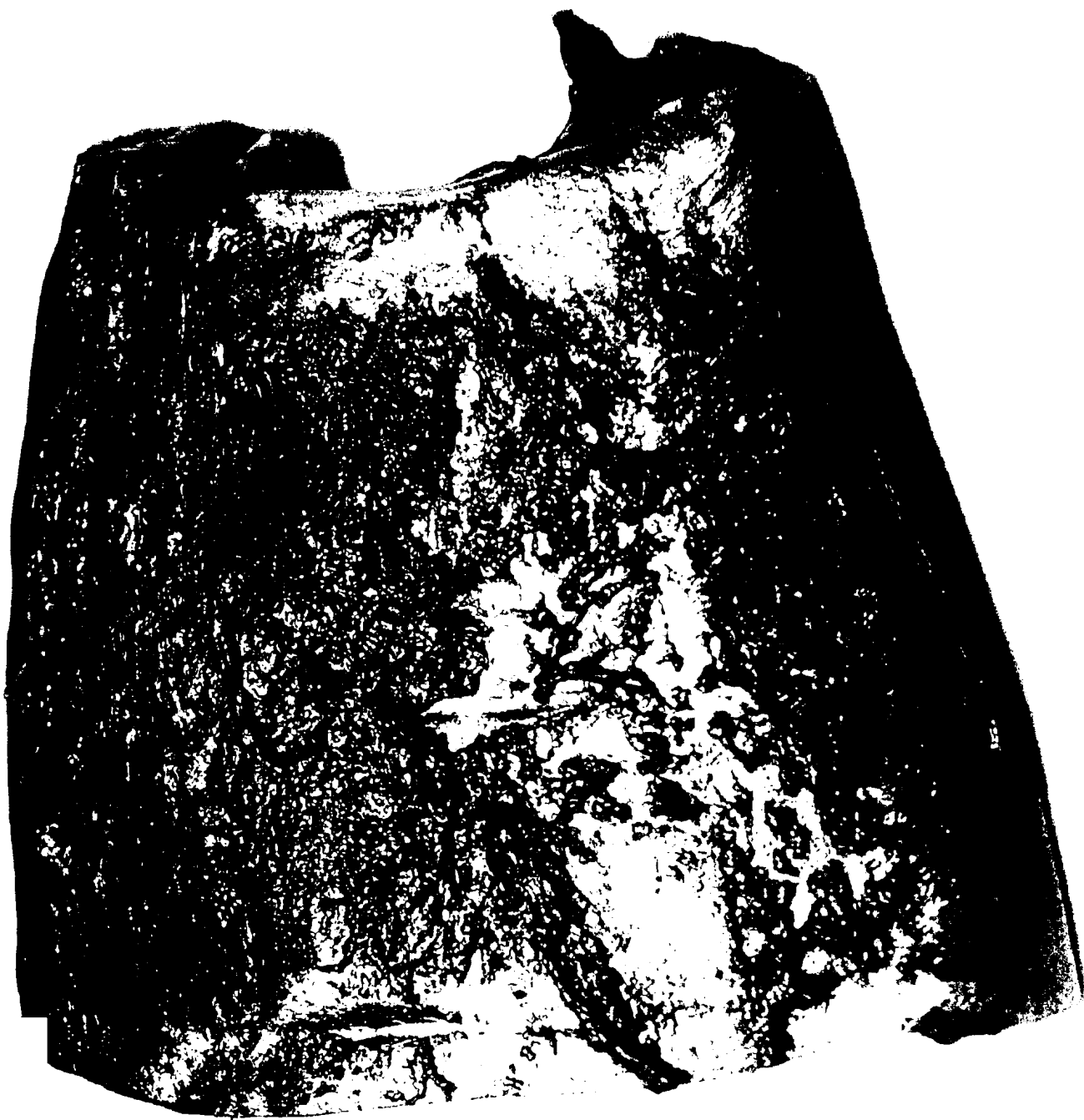


Fig 7.

